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Mr. Clyde M. Gregory
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Dear Clyde:

I have dispatched a message to you in reply to yours stating that the First Air Division on Okinawa had interposed objection to our establishing a monitoring station at [] [] tells me that you have a complete file of his report upon his return from Okinawa, which contains most of the information I referred to in my message. I shall go into a little more detail in this letter.

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You should have in your files a copy of the message, dated 4 December 1947, from First Air Division to CGFEAF which outlined our plans in detail and said "The First Air Div interposes no objection to the plan as outlined above and recommends its approval through channels." This message, of course, was dispatched after this entire program had been discussed with the First Air Division staff in great detail and all of their objections, such as the target range, the 80 feet rhombies, etc., had been overcome.

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When [] of Budget and Finance, were on Okinawa recently they brought back rumors of reactivation of [] []. As a result, we went to the Air Forces here in Washington to find out if any such plans actually existed. The Air Forces said that they knew of no such plans but would query Okinawa and Tokyo to find out if any such plans were being made of which the Air Forces here in Washington had not been advised. A few days later, on 7 July 1948, Lt. Col. Broadway of the Air Forces, to whom we had been referred to obtain our information, telephoned [] that no such plans existed. He quoted a message which he said he had received from Okinawa and 7th Wing, Tokyo, as follows: "Only in the event of war emergency will [] be reactivated. Their war defense plans call for reactivation of [] in event of war emergency. Base plans call for joint receiver site in Sobe area and joint transmitter site in Tengan area. Present plans indicate no change in Yontan AACS receiver station and Sobe AACS transmitter station." In view of the above we felt certain that this was merely a rumor.

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In view of all of this information I am wondering if a formal objection by the Commanding General, First Air Division, has really been interposed. In addition to the fact that they undoubtedly have on file in their headquarters the message recommending to FEAF approval of this project, General Myers, who now commands the First Air Division, was interviewed by our party when they were on Okinawa and he indicated his approval of our project and promised his support. He was not at that time Commanding General of the First Air Division.

I sincerely hope that the objection is on a low level and can be overcome without difficulty and without resort to more formal negotiations. At any rate, our attitude is that having obtained complete approval for this project and having reached an advanced stage of development, we certainly want to proceed with it if at all possible. Unless there are very recent developments which were not indicated in your message, I can see no reason why we should be forced to change our plans at this late date.

Please advise me immediately of any further developments in this matter.

Sincerely,

L. K. White

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